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SUBJECT: NOON BRIEFING: TURKEY

FOLLOWING ARE Q'S AND A'S RE TURKISH BASE SITUATION NOON
BRIEFING NOVEMBER 13:

QUOTE: Q: IT IS REALLY NOT MY BEAT, BUT ANYWAY, AN
ISTANBUL NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT TURKEY DEMANDS HALF A
BILLION DOLLARS FOR THE U.S. BASES OVER THERE -- I MEAN
FOR PERMISSION FOR YOU TO OPERATE THEM. ANY COMMENTS?

A: NO, I DO NOT HAVE ANY DIRECT COMMENT ON THE NEGOTIATIONS
WITH TURKEY.

Q: BUT THERE ARE NEGOTIATIONS GOING ON RIGHT NOW?

A: NO, THERE ARE NOT. I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY THAT
WE HAD THE INITIAL MEETING, AS I RECALL, ON OCTOBER 28, AND
THE DATE FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS TO
GET INTO DETAIL HAS NOT YET BEEN SET. WE EXPECT THAT IT
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WILL BE SET IN THE NEAR FUTURE, BUT THERE IS NO SPECIFIC

DATE. THAT FIRST MEETING WAS WITH AMBASSADOR MACOMBER
AND THE FOREIGN OFFICE IN ANKARA, AND, AS I RECALL, IT
LASTED ABOUT AN HOUR, AN HOUR AND A HALF. IT DID NOT GET

INTO ANY OF THE NEGOTIATING DETAILS.

Q: DOES NEAR FUTURE MEAN THIS YEAR? WOULD YOU EXPECT
THAT?

A: I HAVE NO IDEA, BUT I WOULD CERTAINLY EXPECT SO.
WE WOULD VERY MUCH HOPE SO.

Q: DO YOU KNOW IF TURKEY HAS ASKED FOR THIS MUCH MONEY?

A: NO, I DO NOT KNOW. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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